

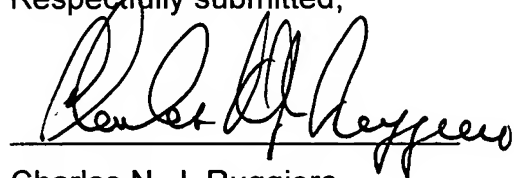
**REMARKS**

Claims 23 through 26 were presented for examination in the present application. However, the Office Action dated April 10, 2007 requires restriction between the absorbent article of Group I (claims 1 through 18) and the method of forming a tampon of Group II (claims 19 through 26). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 23 through 26 are the only claims pending in the present application because original claims 1 through 22 were canceled on January 27, 2004 when the application was filed. Thus, Applicant elects claims 23 through 26 since claims 1 through 22 are canceled.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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